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P R E S S R E L E A S E

New Bedford Superintendent Search Committee Announces Community Focus Groups

New Bedford, Massachusetts-The search for a new Superintendent of New Bedford Public Schools is underway and public involvement is an important component of the process. In the coming weeks, the New Bedford Superintendent Search Committee will hold several public focus groups to learn what the community considers to be the most important factors in the process to select a new superintendent as well as to gain public input regarding the school system. If you would like to participate in any of following focus groups please contact the designated facilitator for more information:

- **English Focus Group:**
Facilitators: Katie Gilfeather and Linda Pina
Contact Telephone: Office of Equity (508) 997-4511 ext 3342
Location: Keith Middle School
Date: October 30th, 2007 Time: 6:00 pm.
- **Business & Higher Education Focus Groups:**
Facilitators: Matthew Morrissey & Nelson Hockert-Lotz
Contact Telephone: Matthew Morrissey (508) 991-3122
Location: New Bedford Economic Development Council, 1213 Purchase Street (Quest Center)
Date: November 7th, 2007 Time: 8:00 am
- **Cape Verdean Creole Focus Group:**
Facilitators: Rosa Gomes Mendes & Lucy Gomes
Contact Telephone: Rosa Gomes Mendes (774) 202-6045
Location: Keith Middle School
Date: November 7th, 2007 Time: 6:30 pm
- **English Focus Group:**
Facilitators: Katie Gilfeather and Linda Pina
Contact Telephone: Office of Equity (508) 997-4511 ext 3342
Location: Keith Middle School
Date: November 8th, 2007 Time: 6:00 pm
- **School Youth Focus Group:**

Facilitators: Carrie Cetenich & Donald Vasconcelles
Contact Telephone: (508) 997-4511 ext 2246
Location: New Bedford High School
Date: November 8th, 2007 ***Time: 2:10 pm***

▪ **Portuguese Focus Group:**

Facilitators: Helena Marques & David Perry
Contact Telephone: Helena Marques, Immigrant Assistance Center (508) 996-8113
Location: Normandin Middle School
Date: November 13th, 2007 ***Time: 6:30 pm (rescheduled from October 29th)***

▪ **Spanish Focus Group:**

Facilitators: Maria Mojica & Maria Rosario
Contact Telephone: Maria Mojica, Northstar Learning Center (508) 984-3383
Location: Alfred J. Gomes Elementary School
Date: November 14th, 2007 ***Time: 4:30 pm***

▪ **Government and Non-Profit Organizations Focus Group:**

Facilitators: Pam Cruz & Denise Porche
Contact Telephone: Pam Cruz, Community Affairs Bristol County District Attorney's Office (508) 997-0711
Location: University of Massachusetts Dartmouth, 800 Purchase Street (Professional and Continuing Education Center)
Date: November 15th, 2007 ***Time: 10:00 am-12:00 pm (rescheduled from November 5th)***

▪ **Community Youth Focus Group**

Facilitators: Ken Ramos & Deirdre Lopes
Contact Telephone: Deirdre Lopes (508) 979-1557
Location: University of Massachusetts Dartmouth, 800 Purchase Street (Professional and Continuing Education Center)
Date: November 19th, 2007 ***Time: 6:00pm***

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